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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV250-8-8

**SUBJECT:** FNM – Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Conference.

**Purpose:** To advise employees of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual

Conference.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2008

The 2008 Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona, July 26-30, 2008. The areas of focus for the 2008 conference include:

- Soil Resources, Management and Conservation;
- Water Resources and Management;
- Conservation in Urban Settings;
- Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts;
- Conservation Education; Conservation Tools and Technologies
- Conservation and Environmental Policy and Program Design

NRCS encourages attendance and participation by employees in career related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism.

The following attendance categories may receive approval consideration for both official time and expenses:

- o Presenting a topical paper or an agenda fulfillment
- o Regional Chapter Officers and Executive Board Members
- o Chairperson / Member of the National or Regional Committee / Task Force
- o Those receiving an award, citation, or commendation

Other employees may submit their name for consideration to go on official government time only.

All participants will be responsible for making their individual hotel reservations. The deadline for making room reservations is Monday, June 30, 2008. A block of rooms has been reserved under SWCS at the Starr Pass Marriott in Tucson, Arizona. Reservations may be made by calling (520) 792-3500.

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Any employee interested in attending this conference should submit their name for consideration through their supervisor. Nominations must include the employee's name, location, position and justification for attending the conference. These nominations should be faxed to Beth Bishop by May 9, 2008.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ronald Bricker, Budget Officer at (304) 284-7554.

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